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## MORE THAN JUST THE VIEWS OF NEW MEXICO'S WILDERNESS

Submitted by Henry Ross

In late July 2025, a crew of nine teenage Scouts from Chatham's Troop 8, consisting of Crew Chief Thomas Gallagher, Chaplain's Aide Henry Loatman, Wilderness Pledge Guia Riyaan Rath, Navigator Arthur Bourbon, Crew Reporter Henry Ross, Crew Members Tony Lin, Alex Lyng, Ollie Maxwell, and Daniel Gallagher, as well as three advisors Ben Bernich, Peter Gallagher, and Geoff Maxwell completed a transformative trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, (Northern) New Mexico. Philmont is the largest High Adventure base in Scouts, covering 219 square miles of vastly different terrain, including plains, dense forests, frigid mountains, burn areas, etc. The elevation ranges from 6,500 feet to 12,441 ft atop Mt. Baldy! Not everyone has the chance to visit a place like this, so our crew (718-I-01) made the most of our 12 days and our 75.2 miles hiked.

We carried 30 pound packs to staff camps such as Ponil, Metcalf Station, and Baldy Town with everything we needed to survive those 12 days. After hiking through rain, hail, violent thunderstorms, and bear country, we were happy to arrive at each camp and do program there, as it was a nice break from nature's fury. Our favorite programs included railroading, spar pole climbing, blacksmithing, and atlatl. More specifically, our crew enjoyed operating the pump carts during railroading and making our own yells at the top of the spar pole.

During the middle of our trek, at a staff camp named Miranda, we completed our conservation project in which we cut dead trees and transported them into controlled burn piles for forest fuel reduction. We also picked up our furry companion there, a burro named Burrito! He lightened our loads by carrying crew gear and boosted our morale tenfold. We all loved taking care of him, and it was a sad goodbye when he departed.

As a crew, our favorite part of the trek was summiting Baldy Mountain. We had to wake up at 4:00 in the morning to hit the trail and beat the rain that came at noon. Even though the early start was pretty rough, we got to see a beautiful



(above, l-r) The crew in front of the Tooth of Time Ridge, Tony Lin, Henry Ross, Thomas Gallagher, Peter Gallagher, Arthur Bourbon, Michael Miller (our Philmont Staff ranger), Geoff Maxwell, Riyaan Rath, Alex Lyng, Ben Bernich, Henry Loatman, Ollie Maxwell and Daniel Gallagher.

sunrise, and through singing songs/taking lots of breaks, the 4000 ft of elevation gain and the 14 miles that we had to hike that day flew by. Not to mention the stunning views at the summit: We could see the majority of Philmont! It truly was an accomplishment we will never forget.

However, there was one part of the trip that no amount of preparation could ready us for: tensions between the crew. Being middle schoolers living with each other for two weeks straight, we made jokes to keep us going in the rain and through long days. On Day 11, tensions came to an all-time high with a few jokes going too far and leading to hurt feelings.

After some long talks, hugging, and crying, our crew sat down around the campfire for one last talk. We promised not to make others laugh by putting people down, as that could ruin someone's trek and wouldn't help build the team. After all, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that we should all remember to be positive. As our crew goes into high school, we vowed to be more transparent and kind towards one another.

So if there is anything we took away from this experience, it's that Philmont is more than just the views of New Mexico's Wilderness, it's also about the psychological challenge each of us took to become better people.

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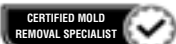
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## DINE & DISCOVER: 20 WAYS TO ENJOY RESTAURANT MONTH IN BERKELEY HEIGHTS

September is a very special time for food, friends and family in Berkeley Heights: It's Restaurant Month, which runs from September 1 - 30, 2025. Now is the time to make your plans to take advantage of special offers from 20 establishments. Options range from fine dining to casual and quick-serve restaurants. This event attracts diners of all ages for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It's your chance to:

- Try new dishes and special meals at your favorite eateries
- Make family dinnertime easy and delicious on busy weekdays
- Venture out to new places (some new restaurants have opened this year!)
- Encourage fun get-togethers with friends or co-workers as the summer ends
- Urge teens to head downtown after school and enjoy something new

"Berkeley Heights boasts a vibrant dining scene that draws visitors from near and far," said Julie Lloyd of the Downtown Beautification Committee. "From special nights out to BYOB deals, there's something delicious for everyone. We're grateful to our local restaurants for making this ninth annual Restaurant Month easy, affordable, and enjoyable."

Find the information you need to ensure you get the most value and fun out of Restaurant Month at [www.experiencebh.com](http://www.experiencebh.com), including menus and specials. Follow the fun on social media at @ExperienceBerkeleyHeights on Facebook and [experience\\_berkeley\\_heights](https://www.instagram.com/experience_berkeley_heights) on Instagram.

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September 13

#### The Music of John Mellencamp

Human Wheels delivers a high-energy tribute featuring hits like "Pink Houses" and "Jack & Diane."

September 19

#### An Allman Brothers Band Tribute

A Brother's Revival, led by former bassist David "Rook" Goldflies, brings "Midnight Rider" and "Ramblin' Man" roaring back to life.

September 20

#### A True Stevie Nicks Experience

Gypsy, featuring Sabrina Staats, channels the haunting voice and mystical style of the rock icon in a spellbinding tribute.

September 26

#### Classic Lynyrd Skynyrd Live

Southern Steel relives the golden age of Southern rock with pitch-perfect renditions of Skynyrd classics.

September 27

#### Rodney Norman Live

Viral comedian and TikTok favorite brings his offbeat wisdom and deadpan hilarity to the stage.

September 28

#### The Music of the Beach Boys

Lights Out: The Jersey Beach Boys blend harmony-rich sunshine with Jersey swagger in a nostalgic mashup.

### SENIOR-FRIENDLY & GROUP-READY

From doo-wop and Sinatra to holiday favorites, this series is ideal for senior centers, Lifestyle Directors, and group outings. Accessible seating, early start times, and familiar favorites make planning easy and rewarding.

### OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

October 5

#### Afternoon of Doo Wop:

Featuring The Chimes, Emil Stucchio & The Classics, and The Fireflies

October 11

#### Sinatra: A Man & His Music

Michael Martocci and Brandon Tomasello

October 18

#### A Frankie Valli & Four Seasons Tribute

The Jersey Four featuring Gerry Polci

October 24

#### Clint Holmes

"Up on the Roof!"

October 25

#### The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience

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November 1

#### The Music of Bruce Springsteen

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November 14

#### The Cyrkle & Billy J Kramer

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November 15

#### Your 80's Request Show

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November 21

#### Motor City Revue

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November 29

#### Christmas with The Duprees and Anthony Duke Claus

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This year, Rocktoberfest is thrilled to welcome headliner Fix You - a world-class Coldplay tribute band. Fans of the iconic band can expect to hear all their favorite hits brought to life with the passion and energy that only Fix You can deliver. Fix You was featured on Jimmy Fallon's Clash of the Cover Bands on E! Network and in shows across the US and the Caribbean. Rocktoberfest is also proud to showcase local musicians and teen bands from Millburn and surrounding towns. Each band brings their own unique sounds to the stage, offering a diverse mix of genres that reflect the spirit of our community. Whether you're into rock, pop, or Bollywood dance, there's something for every musical taste. Stella Artois' products will be available in our 21+ beer garden.

Rocktoberfest is proud to continue its commitment to inclusivity with expanded low-sensory offerings including Special Olympics New Jersey activities, silent disco, and acoustic performances at the low sensory stage that are

presented in an indoor setting for our guests who prefer a quieter experience.

This year's event will also feature a cornhole tournament in the Beer Garden, with sign-ups to be posted on the website.

Applications are still being accepted for sponsors and vendors at [millburnrocktoberfest.com](http://millburnrocktoberfest.com).



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**STEVE** - My results were both amazing and motivating! It's such a welcoming space. I was worried about not being able to keep up. But that's never been an issue at all. I've never felt rushed even if my pace was slower than those around me. I really love this aspect of the experience. I'm so glad to be part of this community.

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- **Free Goal and Nutrition Seminar:** We will kick off the challenge with a seminar on setting proper goals as well as helping you create exactly what your nutrition should realistically look including what to eat to get lean, how much, and how to fit in foods you love along the way!

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(above) Now in its fourth year in operation, PCCT. Garden provides fresh produce and herbs to local families.

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PICNIC INVITE - SEP 7

“Welcome Back Sunday” on September 7  
Free Picnic, family fun to follow  
10 AM worship service

The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township (PCCT) invites community members of all ages to join them on Sunday, September 7, as the congregation launches a new season of faith, fellowship and community service at its 240 Southern Boulevard location.

Following 10 AM worship, the church will hold its annual picnic on the front lawn, featuring games, a bouncy house and a bubble party for kids. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, side salads, and lemonade will be provided free of charge.

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## COMMUNITY GARDEN FIGHTS FOOD INSECURITY

### Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township

Now in its 4th year of operation, The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township (PCCT) Community Garden is tended by volunteers who donate the produce to support the efforts of Helping Hands and the Food Distribution at Chatham United Methodist Church each week. “This year, we’re growing a variety of lettuces, Swiss Chard, Kale, Radishes, Beans, Snap Peas, Tomatoes, Eggplant, Rhubarb, Beets, Peppers and several herbs. Last year, we donated over 200 pounds of produce and we expect the same this year”, says Carolyn Smith, member of the Mission and Outreach Committee. The idea of a garden was conceived four years ago. Church members, Lisa and Craig Duke, had a large, unused garden space that they believed could become a productive community garden. They approached the Mission and Outreach Committee of the church with their idea – which was enthusiastically supported as a way for members of the congregation to give to others in

need. Members of PCCT are attracted to hands-on mission projects so this was a natural fit. Volunteers built 10 raised beds and hauled over 20 cubic yards of dirt and compost to establish the garden beds. “Our volunteers find this work so rewarding because they can see the results of their collective effort and know they are making a difference in peoples’ lives.”

The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township is a vibrant, multi-generational congregation that celebrates the glory of God through faith, fellowship, and service. Drawing members from more than 20 communities locally, as well as livestream, our church welcomes all. The congregation reflects diverse perspectives, provides rich music and education programs for all ages, and through social outreach addresses hunger, homelessness, and recovery from disasters or other crises. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see the church in action. For more information, visit [pcct-nj.org](http://pcct-nj.org) or call 973-635-2340.

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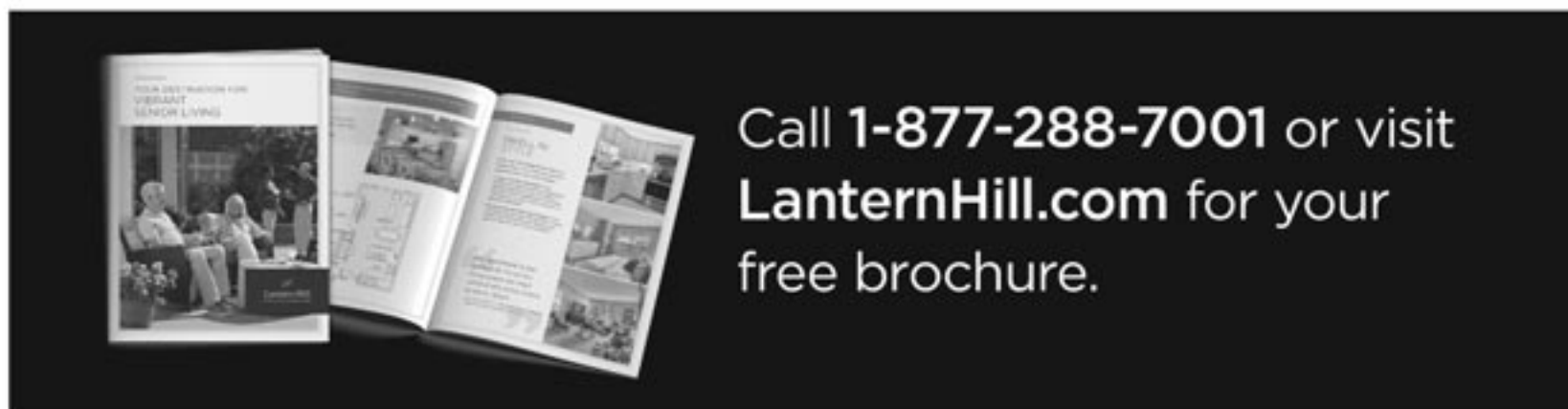
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The Sieminski Theater continues Act 2 of their 2025 season with an incredible, high-energy tribute to the iconic band, Earth, Wind and Fire on Saturday October 4 at 7:30pm.

The iconic musical group EARTH, WIND & FIRE achieved significant commercial success and critical acclaim, becoming one of the best-selling music artists of all time with over 90 million records sold worldwide. They are also highly regarded for their innovative sound and lasting influence on popular music. They scored eight number-one hits and released over 23 albums, with several reaching double-platinum status. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Vocal Group Hall of Fame, and the NAACP Image Award Hall of Fame. They also received nine Grammy Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

#### EARTH, WIND AND FIRE

The Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band share a great love and appreciation for the style and musicianship of the premier band of the 70's, 80's and 90's! This incredibly talented band is based in Maryland and tours the country as they pay homage to one of the greatest bands of its era, bringing to life the magical R&B, funk and jazz sounds that continue to inspire and influence even the contemporary entertainers of today.

From the funky and "earthy" grooves to the sophisticated and complex lyrics and orchestrations, the Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band continues to keep the music alive so that everyone will know the elements... Earth, Wind and Fire, will live forever! They will be performing all the hits including Got To Get You Into My Life, Sing a Song, Shinning Star, Boogie Wonderland, Let's Groove, That's The Way of the World, September, and many more! They will have you on your feet and singing along to all the iconic hits!

Don't miss this opportunity to relive the musical hits of the 70's, 80's and 90's with this incredible tribute.

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Get ready to immerse yourself in the vibrant sights, sounds, and flavors of Greece at the 48th Annual Greek Festival, taking place at the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Union, NJ. This eagerly anticipated event, the largest and longest-running Greek Festival in Union County, will delight attendees from September 4th to September 7th, 2025, with a weekend of cultural immersion, culinary delights, and family-friendly entertainment.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- **Authentic Greek Cuisine:** Indulge in a feast of traditional Greek dishes including souvlaki, moussaka, pastitsio, spanakopita, loukoumades, and baklava, all freshly prepared on premises with the finest ingredients reminiscent of your Greek Yia-yia's cooking.
- **Live Music and Dance:** Experience the lively rhythms of Greece with live music and dance performances featuring traditional Greek folk music and dances such as syrtaki and kalamatiano.
- **Artisan Marketplace:** Browse through a bustling marketplace offering handmade jewelry, clothing, and imported goods from Greece.

#### EVENT DETAILS:

- **Dates:** September 4th to September 7th, 2025
- **Location:** St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Rahway Ave, Union, NJ 07083 (Free Parking in neighboring lots)
- **Admission:** \$2 general admission; a portion of admission proceeds benefit local Union Township/Union County charities "We are thrilled to invite the community to join us for our 47th Annual Greek Festival," said Betty Spiropoulos, Festival Committee Co-Chair "This event is a celebration of our Greek heritage and a wonderful opportunity for everyone to experience the warmth and hospitality of our culture."

#### ABOUT THE ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH:

Established in 1928 in Newark and relocated to Union in 1984, the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church has been a cornerstone of the Union Township community, celebrated for its rich diversity and dedication to promoting Greek culture, faith, and community spirit. Over the years, it has warmly welcomed people from various backgrounds, fostering an inclusive environment that embraces cultural diversity and unity among its members.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA:

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## ISABELLA LI WINS 2025 SCHOLARSHIP

### Chatham Historical Society

The Chatham Historical Society 2025 Margaret Keisler scholarship was awarded to Isabella Li. The \$1,500 scholarship, presented at the commencement exercises of Chatham High School, is named in memory of “Peg” Keisler, a lifelong resident of Chatham who was the Borough’s historian and dedicated educator. It is through the generosity of members and friends that make this scholarship possible.

Chatham is made up of unique individuals, each with a distinctive story to tell. As part of the scholarship process, students were asked to share their own stories about growing up in Chatham. The Historical Society received 15 essays all with a different focus.

In her essay Isabella reflects her childhood as “a nomad” until her family settled in Chatham. She explained how she had not had a chance to cultivate friendships as her family moved often. However, she was determined to find a friend in Chatham.

Isabella and Laura met in a school bus and became friends almost instantly as they shared like interests in reading. Both girls were enrolled in individual learning programs and they were often in the same special education classes. She noted that one of their most visited

places was the Chatham Library where they spent countless hours reading and playing chess in a peaceful and quiet environment. Another of their favorite places in Chatham was the Esterney Field playground.

Laura inspired and helped Isabella get through challenges in school and in her personal life. Isabella explained that she will be eternally grateful to Chatham where she found herself and a lifelong friend. “Now that I am going to graduate and leave the comfort of Chatham, I will always carry with me the memories of pure love and friendship I have from this special place,” she wrote in her essay.

About: The Chatham Historical Society is dedicated to discovering and sharing the rich history of Chatham Borough, New Jersey. Founded in 1924, the Chatham Historical Society brings people together who are interested in the history and the on-going development of the borough. Information of historical interest is presented through programs, publications and other media. The Society encourages an appreciation of the borough’s historic character and recognizes that today’s residents, places and events will become our history.

For more information visit [chathamnjhistoricalsociety.org](http://chathamnjhistoricalsociety.org).



(above) Isabella Li

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## CADETTE GIRL SCOUTS RECEIVE SILVER AWARDS

*Submitted by Ceal Purschke*

Twelve Girl Scouts from Chatham received the Girl Scouts Silver Award on Tuesday June 10th. The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest honor a Cadette Girl Scout can earn.

The Silver Award requires Girl Scouts to complete a Journey and a 'Take Action' project as well as 50 documented hours working on a solution to address an issue they have identified in their community. Only 10% of Girl Scouts earn this award across the nation. This year's recipients included:

**Mia Baldassano:** “Bouncing Back from Bullying” — a project aimed at empowering youth with strategies to cope with and stand up to bullying.

**Olivia Choi:** “Study Skills for Confident Middle School Start” — helping younger students transition smoothly into middle school with practical academic tools.

**Margaret Gryta and Vivian Shue:** “Teaching Kids Healthy Coping Through DIY Fidgets” — educating children on emotional regulation using handmade fidget tools.

**Julia Jadro and Olive Yaun:** “Teaching Kids Healthy Eating for Lifelong Habits” — promoting nutrition education among young students.

**Maia Lazerus:** “Brightening Hospital Stays with Handmade Pillowcases” — creating colorful, comforting pillowcases for hospitalized children.

**Sophia Levato and Alexa Stehling:** “Promoting Teen Mental Health Through Social-Emotional Learning” — fostering awareness and resilience in teenagers through SEL practices.

**Ruthie McGrath:** “Expanding Access to Children’s Books for Low-Income Families” — increasing literacy opportunities by distributing books to underserved children.

**Emily Smith:** “Promoting Household Sustainability to Reduce Plastic Waste” — encouraging eco-friendly habits to combat plastic pollution.

**Piper Tagle:** “Boosting Elementary Band Enrollment Through Awareness” — supporting arts education by increasing participation in school band programs.



(above) Chatham Cadette Girl Scouts 2025 Silver Award honorees.

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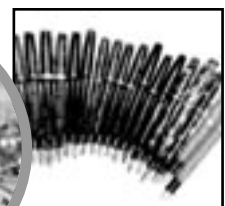
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### Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group Thursday, September 4, 10:30 AM-Noon

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#### Password Overload?

Monday, September 8, 12:00 PM

Do you struggle to remember all of your passwords? Learn what a Password Manager is, how to use one, and what to consider before selecting a product

#### Financial Matters

Monday, September 15, 1:00 PM

Financial planning steps to take while alive to help avoid complications for your family and beneficiaries later

#### Great Supermarket Finds

Wednesday, September 17, 12:00 PM

Nutritionist Raksha Shah shares tips for using budget-friendly grocery store brands to prepare quick and easy meals

#### Pickleball Injury Awareness & Best Practices Presentation

Thursday, September 18, 12:00 PM

Learn how to pre-stretch and adjust play to stay safe and aware while playing America's favorite new paddle sport

#### Northern Lights Adventure

Wednesday, September 24, 12:00 PM

Hear about an adventurous couple's trip 120 miles south of the Arctic Circle to see the amazing northern lights. Features dazzling photos, simple science, and arctic winter activities

#### Meditation & Music

Thursday, September 25, 12:00 PM

Peaceful mindful meditation program that teaches older adults stress relief against a backdrop of relaxing music  
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Saturday, September 27, 9AM-3PM

Madison High School Tennis Courts. Rain date: Sunday, September 28

## CTVFD CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department

We are thrilled to celebrate a century of serving our community with dedication and professionalism. Such an important milestone deserves a grand celebration!

Founded in 1925, the department is 100% volunteer-driven and includes 25, active firefighters, junior firefighters, and associate members, providing 24/7 emergency services year-round.

The department operates from two stations - one on River Road and another on Southern Boulevard - responding to approximately 400 calls annually, including mutual aid support for neighboring communities.

Saturday, October 11, 2025

from 2 PM - 6PM

Fire Headquarters

495 River Road

(rain date: October 12)

Parking will be available at the Municipal Building (58 Meyersville Rd.), with a free shuttle service provided to the firehouse.

What to Expect

Enjoy free food provided by the fire department, including hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork sandwiches, salads, ice cream, beer, wine, and soda.

Live music will be performed by the band "Rosewood."

For families, there will be bounce houses and kids' activities, as well as tours of the firehouse and fire trucks.

Anniversary T-shirts and ornaments will also be available for purchase!

We look forward to celebrating this historic event with the community on

October 11—come join the fun!

If you're interested in sponsorship or firefighter volunteer opportunities, please email president@ctfd.org.



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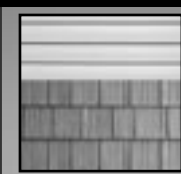
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## 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY ON SEPT. 7

### Morris County

The Morris County Board of County Commissioners invites the public to join the 24th Annual Morris County 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Morris County 9/11 Memorial, 460 West Hanover Ave., Parsippany-Troy Hills.

This year's keynote speaker is Rudy Sanfilippo, who was a firefighter for the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) and a union representative for Manhattan's 2,000 firefighters at the time of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks. He was among the first to arrive at the South Tower command post and one of the last to leave as the tower collapsed. The wind from the pancaking floors blew him off his feet.

When Sanfilippo emerged, he was the only firefighter within a 50-foot radius to walk out alive. In the aftermath, he coordinated support for firefighters and their families, ensuring a respectful recovery process at Ground Zero.

The Morris County 9/11 Memorial honors the nearly 3,000 people killed when jihadist terrorist crashed jetliners in New York City, Washington D.C. and Shanksville, PA. Special recognition is given to the 64 Morris County residents who perished that day. All victims' names are engraved on ruby-colored stones surrounding the memorial, with brass plaques for each Morris County resident atop the inner wall.

The public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs, as seating is limited.

Parking is available at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 340 West Hanover Ave., Morris Township, with a shuttle service can take visitors to the memorial.

Police, fire and rescue departments may participate by sending one apparatus per agency and assembling by 4:30 p.m. at the Morris County Public Safety Academy, 500 West Hanover Ave.



(above) Former FDNY Firefighter and Union Trustee Rudy Sanfilippo to Deliver Keynote at Morris County's 9/11 Memorial Service.

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## MORRISTOWN PUP NABS SPOT IN 2025 BARK FOR LIFE CALENDAR

She's got the ears of a supermodel, the zoomies of a champion sprinter, and a bark that says "treat, please." Meet Josie, Morristown's unofficial mayor of South Street — and now, one of the proud winners of the 2025 Bark for Life Calendar Contest!

After a week-long voting frenzy, Josie galloped ahead of the competition to earn a coveted feature in this year's 2025 Bark for Life calendar. And not just a cameo — a full-page glam spread, complete with her story, her signature side-eye, and plenty of reasons why she's the queen of local hearts.

But Josie's calendar win is more than just a photo op. It means she'll be a VIP (Very Important Pup) at the Bark for Life of Central NJ celebration on October 12, 2025 at Bell Works in Holmdel, where she'll be officially honored for her victory — likely with applause, belly rubs, and maybe a few snacks.

### WHO IS JOSIE?

Josie is a 4-year-old Australian Cattle Dog (allegedly)— though some suspect she may also be part professional napper and part mayhem enthusiast, depending on the hour. She was rescued as a puppy and now lives her best life ruling the sidewalks and hearts of Morristown.

Known for her expressive ears, her suspiciously dramatic sighs, and a highly curated side-eye, Josie has become a local celebrity — both on leash and online.

Her favorite things include: Car rides (windows down, please), Sidewalk café people-watching (her favorite being the Lok!), Chasing squirrels she has no intention of catching, Ignoring her toys to chew sticks instead, and Judging humans from the couch like it's her full-time job.

In short: she's a rescue with attitude, heart, and a whole lot of fans.

### WHAT IS BARK FOR LIFE?

The Bark for Life event is part of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life movement. It honors the caregiving qualities of canine companions while raising critical funds for cancer research and support services —



(above) Paws Up for Josie!

especially here in New Jersey.

Proceeds from calendar sales and fundraising events all go toward supporting programs like free rides to treatment, overnight stays near major cancer centers, and 24/7 access to cancer information and support for patients and families.

### GET INVOLVED!

Missed your chance to vote for Josie? You can still be part of the tail-wagging fun. Donations are open at the Bark for Life of Central NJ website, and registration is now live for the October 12 celebration at Bell Works.

Whether you're walking in honor of a loved one, supporting a survivor, or just want to hang out with some adorable dogs (like Josie), this is your chance to do some good — and pet some pups.

Big paws up to Josie and all the calendar winners! Be sure to snag your copy of the 2025 Bark for Life Calendar, come say hi to Morristown's finest furry ambassador this fall, and follow @ispyjosie and @barkcentralnj to come along for this year's adventure!

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### Behn Gillece Trio: Brazilian Night

**Tue., Sept. 9, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Brazilian-inspired jazz.

### Mining Iron in Northwest New Jersey

**Tue., Sept. 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Stories of Mining Iron in Northwest New Jersey: The People.

## CALL FOR ART SUBMISSIONS

In honor of Jane Austen's 250th birthday on December 16, the library invites visual artists residing or working within Morris County to help us celebrate the enduring legacy of this beloved author through art.

## ALL AGES

**Wed., Sept. 10, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Chess Club: Friendly & non-competitive chess games between players of all ages and ability levels. Basic knowledge of the game's rules is suggested, though not required. Drop-in.

### Spanish Conversation: NEW program!

**Thu., Sept. 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Practice your Spanish language proficiency in a casual small group environment.

Any skill level is welcome.

No registration required.

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### Master Gardeners

**Sat., Sept. 27, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

The Master Gardeners will answer your gardening questions.

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This month's classes include: PC Basics, Google Drive, Internet Basics, Intro to Excel (series) I, II & III, Introduction to Excel Tables & Pivot Tables.

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### Friday Afternoon Movies

(drop-in, no registration required):

9/5: "September 5"

9/12: "The Phoenician Scheme"

9/19: "The Station Agent"

9/26: "The Prestige"

### True Crime Chat (Via Zoom)

**Thu., Sept. 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Virtual true crime discussion group meets via Zoom on the second Thursday evening of each month. September topic: Brandon Teena & Matthew Shepard

## Socrates Cafe

**Wed., Sept. 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

A discussion group using the dialogue of the Socratic Method. The only requirement for this program is a willingness to listen respectfully. Speaking is not required, although encouraged.

Light refreshments provided.

Drop-in; no registration required.

## Mystery Book Club

**Mon., Sept. 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

We read and discuss books chosen by the group.

No registration necessary. This month's book:

The Spy Coast by Tess Gerritsen.

## Writers' Circle

**Mon., Sept. 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Join our Writing Circle for experience, tips on writing, reading, editing, and revising your work, whether poetry, prose, or long story.

No registration needed.

## TEENS

### Teen Space

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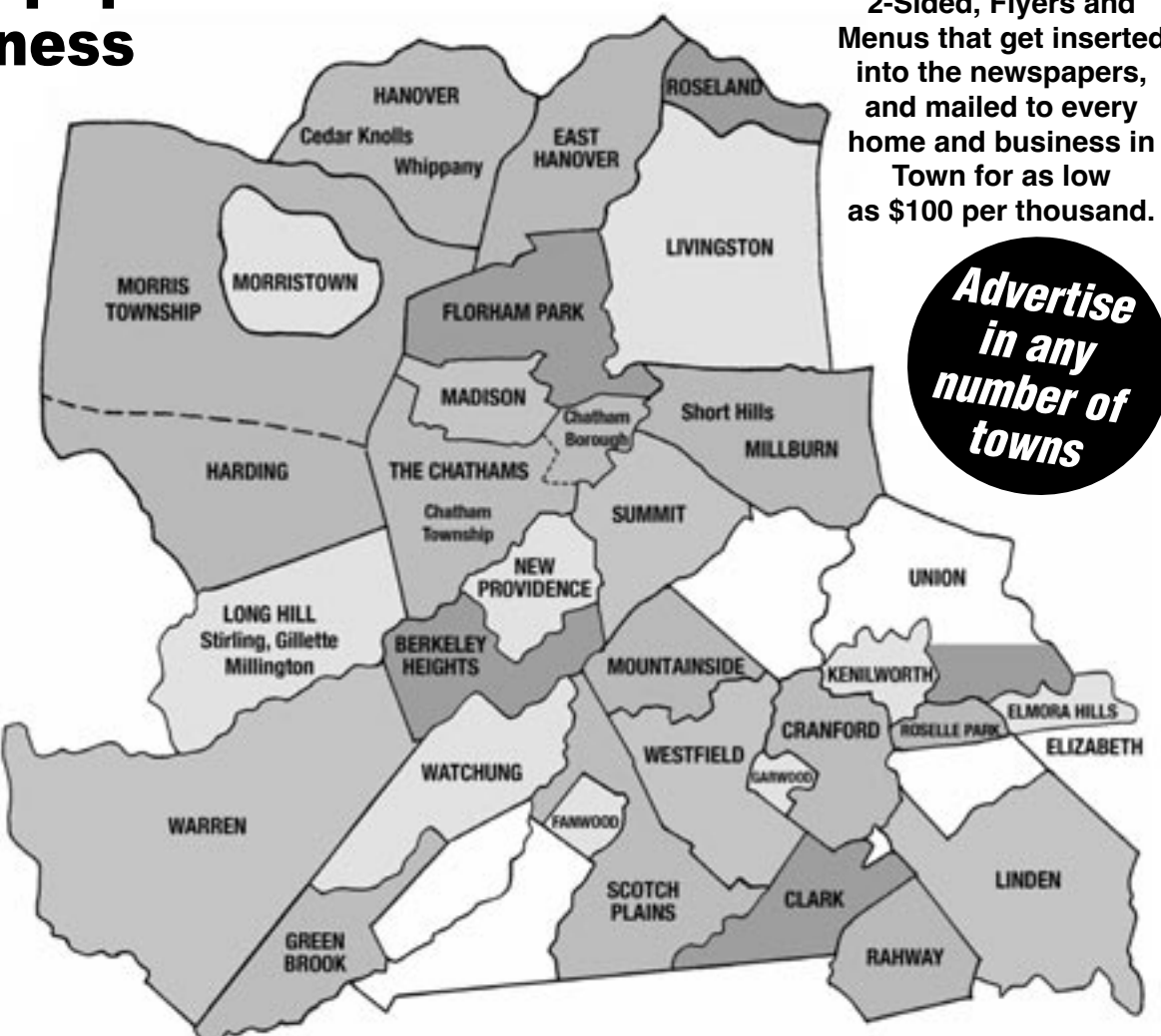
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